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Pres. Miss M. Gould. Sept. 24 '21

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, *&c. &c. &c., in Council.*

The Memorial of the Trustees, Elders and Deacons of the Free Church of Martintown, Glengarry, C. W.

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That in the year 1839 the congregation of this place, in connexion with the Scotch Establishment, to which your Memorialists belonged, gave a cordial invitation to the Reverend Daniel Clarke to be their stated Minister, as well as the congregation of Indian Lands now more immediately under his pastoral charge; that when the two congregations had invited him he become stated Pastor of the one which was the larger and the poorer of the two, believing that for the benefit of such congregations the Clergy Reserve Fund was intended.

He has not however received the benefit which was expected, for the five years of his continuance in the Establishment, although he applied to the Government and to the Commissioners.

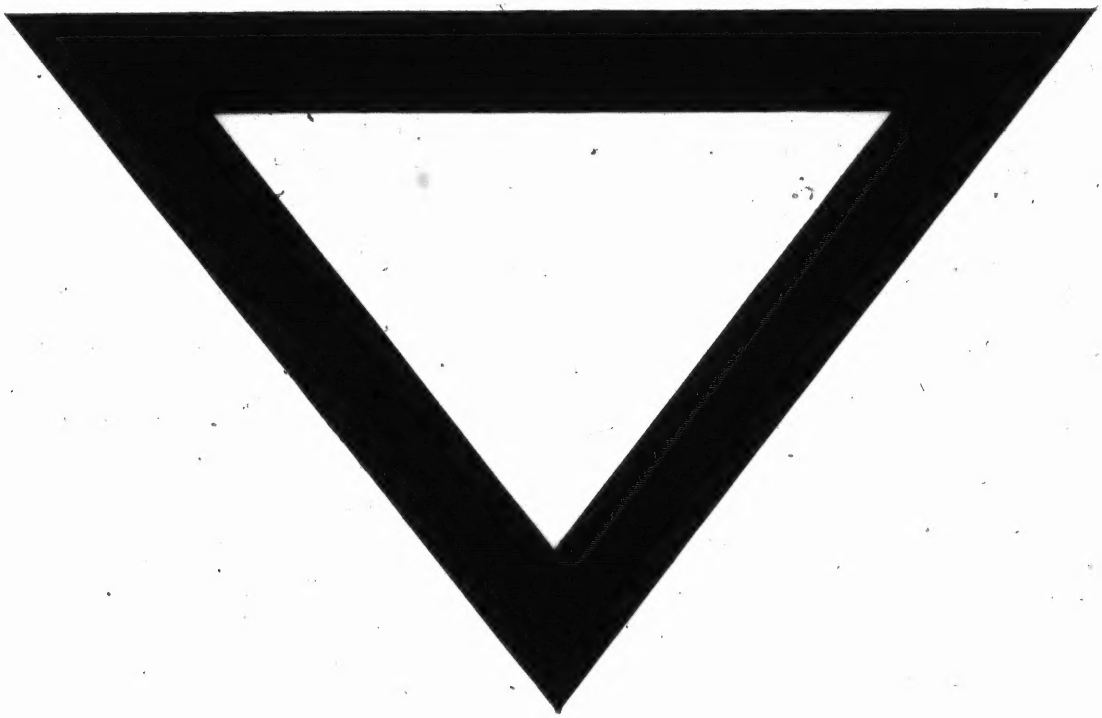
Your Memorialists would state that since they left the Establishment about 5 years ago, Mr. Clark has, at their unanimous desire, in which their adherents concur, been virtually their pastor; procuring for them the services of Ministers and Missionaries, presiding at the dispensing of Sacraments, and engaging in the discharge of other Ministerial duties.

Your Memorialists would add, that should the prayer of the accompanying Petition from the Congregation of Indian Lands be denied, and Mr. Clarke, in consequence be under the necessity of leaving his post, it would be a calamity deeply to be lamented not only by the two Congregations referred to, but by many other Congregations in the District.

May it please Your Excellency, in Council, to take the Memorial referred to into consideration, and to grant its prayer, and your petitioners shall ever pray.

JOHN McARTHUR, *Trustee*,
DUNCAN ROSS, *Trustee*,
DONALD KENNEDY, *Trustee*,
MURDOCH MUNRO, *Trustee*,
FINLAY McINTOSH, *Trustee*,
JOHN URQUHART, *Elder*,

EINLAY MUNRO, *Elder*,
KENNETH McLENNAN, *Elder*,
JOHN McINTOSH, *Elder*,
PETER McMARTIN, *Elder*,
PETER McINTYRE, *Elder*,
DAVID MUNRO, *Elder*.

N. B. The Deacons are the Trustees. The seven Elders who have signed the Petition were Elders of the Established Church in Martintown before the disruption.

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